

Bible Study Service in Malang, October 13, 2020 (Tuesday Evening)

Peace and grace in the love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In the Tabernacle, the book of Revelation chapter twelve refers to the shekinah glory.

In the book of Revelation chapter twelve there are two signs that appear in heaven which are linked with Jesus' second coming as follows:

1. Revelation 12:1

12:1. Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars.

The first sign is '*a great sign appeared in heaven*'. It is the fulfillment of all signs about the coming of Jesus, namely the appearance of the perfect church of God who becomes the light of the world in the shekinah glory like Jesus. It is the same as the heavenly bride who is ready to be evacuated to the wilderness, far from the eyes of Antichrist who reigns over the world for three and a half years. Further, the heavenly bride is ready to be lifted up on the glorious clouds to meet Jesus who comes a second time in the glory as the King of kings and Heavenly Bridegroom. We enter into the marriage supper of the Lamb of God, Paradise, and the New Jerusalem forever.

2. Revelation 12:3

12:3. And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads.

The second sign is '*another sign appeared in heaven*'. It is the fulfillment of all Satan's working to hinder the one of God, so the church of God is left when Jesus comes a second time up to perdition.

In the book of Mark chapter thirteen (the preaching of the end of times) **Jesus teaches the signs of His coming from now on until they are fulfilled in the book of Revelation chapter twelve as follows:**

1. **Jesus predicts the destruction of the temple.**

Mark 13:1-2

13:1. Then as He went out of the temple, one of His disciples said to Him, "Teacher, see what manner of stones and what buildings are here!"

13:2. And Jesus answered and said to him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone shall be left upon another, that shall not be thrown down."

Do not be proud of the physical temple of God! Do not be disappointed if we do not have a lot of physical things!

2. **The deception by false teaching.** It is the age of the pre-persecution of the Antichrist. The nations in the world will face war, famine, and persecution for the church of God.

Mark 13:3-12

13:3. Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked Him privately,

13:4. "Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign when all these things will be fulfilled?"

13:5. And Jesus, answering them, began to say: "Take heed that no one deceives you.

13:6. "For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am He,' and will deceive many.

13:7. "But when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be troubled; for such things must happen, but the end is not yet.

13:8. "For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be earthquakes in various places, and there will be famines and troubles. These are the beginnings of sorrows.

13:9. "But watch out for yourselves, for they will deliver you up to councils, and you will be beaten in the synagogues. You will be brought before rulers and kings for My sake, for a testimony to them.

13:10. "And the gospel must first be preached to all the nations.

13:11. "But when they arrest you and deliver you up, do not worry beforehand, or premeditate what you will speak. But whatever is given you in that hour, speak that; for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit.

13:12. "Now brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death.

3. **The appearance of the Antichrist who reigns over the world for three and a half years** (Mark 13:14-25).

4. **Jesus comes a second time.**

Mark 13:26-31

13:26. "Then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.

13:27. "And then He will send His angels, and gather together His elect from the four winds, from the farthest part of earth to the farthest part of heaven.

13:28. "Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender, and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near.

13:29. "So you also, when you see these things happening, know that it is near--at the doors!

13:30. "Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place.

13:31. "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

Mark 13 is preceded by Mark 12: 41-44, namely the offering of a poor widow in the temple of God.

It means that before the great signs happen in the world, we must take heed to our ministry (the temple of God). The ministry is often diminished by people in the world including the servant of God like a widow that gives the offering in small amount.

The ministry has big part to prepare us to face the great signs in the world until Jesus comes a second time.

Hebrews 10:25-27

10:25. not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

10:26. For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,

10:27. but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries.

The facts found in belittling the ministry are as follows:

1. Forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some as follows:
 - a. Being unfaithful in the ministry and it is considered right.
 - b. Leaving the ministry or one does not want to minister to God. It is the intentional sin that has no forgiveness.
2. Ministering to God without the true ordination or the true teaching word. It is not in line with the true teaching word, so one does not experience the purification. He just shows the physical things and keeps sinning. It is the same as the broken temple of God.

Belittling the ministry is the same as destroying or causing divisions to the building of the body of Christ, so one cannot become as perfect as Jesus.

Consequently, he receives God's punishment in the world, doomsday, up to the lake of fire and brimstone or hell forever.

There are many advices to work and study hard, but the highest one is exhorting one another about the ministry to God because it has the promise for our life now up to eternal life.

The facts found in the ministry without the true ordination or the true teaching word like the house of God that falls are as follows:

1. The worship of the law system.

Mark 12:38-40

12:38. Then He said to them in His teaching, "Beware of the scribes, who desire to go around in long robes, love greetings in the marketplaces,

12:39. "the best seats in the synagogues, and the best places at feasts,

12:40. "who devour widows' houses, and for a pretense make long prayers. These will receive greater condemnation."

The worship of the law system just shows physical things but without the true teaching word, so it is destroyed like the house of God that falls.

The facts found in the worship of the law system are as follows:

- Wearing long robes (the ones of priesthood or ministry). It refers to one who ministers to God without spiritual purpose.
He ministers just as a habit as well as simply follows others to cover the decay.
He looks spiritual in front of men and gets additional point from others.

Do not misuse the robes of priesthood!

The robes of priesthood should cover nakedness. It means experiencing the purification.

Isaiah 6:1

6:1. In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple.

Jesus also wears long robe but the purpose is for spiritual thing, so there is the connection between the throne of heaven and the church of God, and the church of God experiences the atmosphere of the throne of heaven. As a result, God can do all things.

So, we must have the spiritual purpose when we wear the robe of priesthood, namely bringing the atmosphere of the throne of heaven in the ministry even everywhere we are.

- Desiring to go around. It means not being shepherded. Sometimes his feet walk about, but sometimes his heart does. Consequently, he will be weary and heavy laden. He will be neglected, meaning there is none who cares or is responsible for the salvation of the soul. One who is not shepherded is the same as the house without pillar, so it will surely fall.
- Loving greetings in the marketplaces. It means looking for the ministry whose atmosphere is like market, namely having no value and ordination. It is not in line with the true teaching word. All things are allowed especially divorce-remarrying and being crowded for the happiness of the flesh. At last, one cannot be controlled. He does not honor God.
- Loving the best seats in the synagogues and at feasts. It means that one likes to get attention. It is the same as being self-assertive. The right attitude is that we must have the spiritual purpose wherever we are, so we are more sincere in the ministry especially in hearing the word of God.
- Devouring widows' houses. It means that one likes to deceive the weak men as well as hurting and making others in sorrow, especially ones who are already in trouble. The right attitude is that we have to do good things until we repay good for evil.

Consequently, one receives condemnation because he has destroyed the temple of God.

Mark 12:40

12:40. "who devour widows' houses, and for a pretense make long prayers. These will receive greater condemnation."

2. The ministry which is like poor widow.

Mark 12:41-44

12:41. Now Jesus sat opposite the treasury and saw how the people put money into the treasury. And many who were rich put in much.

12:42. Then one poor widow came and threw in two mites, which make a quadrans.

12:43. So He called His disciples to Himself and said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all those who have given to the treasury;

12:44. "for they all put in out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all that she had, her whole livelihood."

There is the treasury in the temple of God. It has already happened in the age of the kings in the Old Testament.

2 Kings 12:2,5,9,12

12:2. Jehoash did what was right in the sight of the LORD all the days in which Jehoiada the priest instructed him.

12:5. "let the priests take it themselves, each from his constituency; and let them repair the damages of the temple, wherever any dilapidation is found."

12:9. Then Jehoiada the priest took a chest, bored a hole in its lid, and set it beside the altar, on the right side as one comes into the house of the LORD; and the priests who kept the door put there all the money brought into the house of the LORD.

12:12. and to masons and stonecutters, and for buying timber and hewn stone, to repair the damage of the house of the LORD, and for all that was paid out to repair the temple.

Jehoash received the true teaching word. By the encouragement of the true teaching word, Jehoash and Jehoiada made the treasury in the house of the Lord to repair the damage of the physical house of the Lord.

Mark 12:41

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In the New Testament, by the teaching word Jesus takes the initiative to repair the damage of the spiritual temple of God as follows:

- Improving our ministry, so we obtain favor before God and aim at the building of the perfect body of Christ or the heavenly bride who is ready to be shown in Revelation 12:1.

The ministry is often wrong, so it destroys the temple of God or the building of the body of Christ like the worship of the law system above.

Who may build the spiritual house of God? The priests and kings or the living stones.

1 Peter 2:5

2:5. you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

- Improving the life of the priest and king who are often like an old poor widow spiritually. It means as follows:
 - a. Being full of weakness especially the one of faith like a broken house. He is not firm facing the wind and waves as follows:
 - i. The wind of false teaching that makes us doubt to the true teaching Word until we leave it.
 - ii. The wind of temptation in all things, so one hopes others. He uses his own way which is not according to the word to finish the temptation. Consequently, he becomes desperate until he leaves God.
 - iii. One cannot fight against the sins up to the peak, so he sins.
 - b. The skin is full of wrinkles. It refers to blemish, so one cannot become perfect.
 - c. Keeping the old life or keeping the flesh and blood man with the eighteen characteristics because of having a form of godliness but denying the cross and the true teaching word. Consequently, he is marked by the Antichrist with 666. His life is like a woman who is bent for eighteen years. He is not happy but suffers.

2 Timothy 3:1-5

3:1. But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come:

3:2. For men will be lovers of themselves⁽¹⁾, lovers of money⁽²⁾, boasters⁽³⁾, proud⁽⁴⁾, blasphemers⁽⁵⁾, disobedient to parents⁽⁶⁾, unthankful⁽⁷⁾, unholy⁽⁸⁾,

3:3. unloving⁽⁹⁾, unforgiving⁽¹⁰⁾, slanderers⁽¹¹⁾, without self-control⁽¹²⁾, brutal⁽¹³⁾, despisers of good⁽¹⁴⁾,

3:4. traitors⁽¹⁵⁾, headstrong⁽¹⁶⁾, haughty⁽¹⁷⁾, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God⁽¹⁸⁾,

3:5. having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

Do not keep the flesh! The flesh makes us suffer.

- d. A widow means having separation with the husband. The spiritual meaning is having separation with Jesus as the Heavenly Bridegroom, High Priest, and Great Shepherd. It is the same as being unable to worship Him.

Consequently, one experiences physical dissatisfaction and spiritual dryness, so he looks for satisfactions in the world or satisfaction of the world is brought into the church of God.

Consequently, he falls into the sin of eating-drinking and marrying-giving in marriage. It is the same as building the Babylon to be destroyed forever.

By the teaching word tonight, God wants to improve the ministry and life of the priest and king.

Let us not enter into the great signs to condemnation.

Do not be the broken house of God and personal!

12:38. Then He said to them in His teaching, "Beware of the scribes, who desire to go around in long robes, love greetings in the marketplaces,

By the true teaching word, Jesus wants to repair or build the ministry and lives who are broken to become the perfect body of Christ or the heavenly bride who is ready to be evacuated when the Antichrist reigns over the world and lifted up when Jesus comes again.

The process of Jesus' repairing and building our ministry and life is as follows:

1. Jesus wants to tidy the ministry and life of the priests and kings. It is the same as building the right base.

Ephesians 2:19-22

2:19. *Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,*

2:20. *having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone,*

2:21. *in whom the whole building, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord,*

2:22. *in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.*

The right base is as follows:

- o 'having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets'. It refers to the Old and New Testaments, the Bible, or the true teaching word that purifies us, so we can live in righteousness and holiness.
- o 'Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone'. It refers to Christ's sacrifice on the cross, so Jesus can pour out Holy Spirit to us.

1 Peter 2: 6-7

2:6. *Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, "Behold, I lay in Zion A chief cornerstone, elect, precious, And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame."*

2:7. *Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, "The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone,"*

Holy Spirit makes us faithful. On Christ's sacrifice, we are always anointed by Holy Spirit, so we can become the priests and kings who minister to God faithfully and fervently whatever thing we have to sacrifice.

If the base is built, we will become the servants of God who are faithful and true. It is the same as wearing a belt.

Isaiah 11:5

11:5. *Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, And faithfulness the belt of His waist.*

Luke 17:7-8

17:7. *"And which of you, having a servant plowing or tending sheep, will say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and sit down to eat'?"*

17:8. *"But will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare something for my supper, and gird yourself and serve me till I have eaten and drunk, and afterward you will eat and drink'?"*

Girding ourselves also means that we are always ready. We give meal and drink to Jesus. We satisfy Him and we obtain favor before Him.

As a result, God is able to take care of our physical life although we are powerless. He also gives the heavenly bliss for us.

2. Building on the base. It means purifying us until we become the perfect body of Christ.

Acts 20:28,32-33,35

20:28. *"Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.*

20:32. *"So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.*

20:33. *"I have coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel.*

20:35. *"I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"*

Where is the place to build on the base? In the sheepfold or the perseverance in committing the three kinds of main service to God (the Holy Place).

What must be purified? It starts from heart which is purified from evil desire, unclean desire, and bitterness.

The evil desire refers to the will of money or the root of wickedness.

It must be purified, so we feel more blessed to give than to receive like a poor widow who gives two mites.

Feeling more blessed to give than to receive starts from returning the tithe and special offerings that belong to God. If we steal it, we will destroy the temple of God.

Further, we give to the work of God and others who are in need.

It is the lesson for us. The matter of we can give or not does not depend on being rich or not but the matter of our heart is bound by the will of money or not.

We are purified from the will of money, so we can give even like to give until we give our whole life to God as follows:

- Casting all our care.

Psalm 37:5-7

37:5. Commit your way to the LORD, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass.

37:6. He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, And your justice as the noonday.

37:7. Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for Him; Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass.

1 Peter 5:7

5:7. casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

We totally believe in God. It is the same as placing Jesus as the Head, Shepherd, and High Priest. We do not worry anymore, but experience peace, so all things become easy and light although the problem has not been finished yet.

- Surrendering our life to God. We keep silent at Jesus' feet. We humble ourselves, namely confessing all of our weakness and infirmity physically and spiritually. We just totally surrender to God and depend on His mercy.

The faith and mercy will result in miracle.

God will stretch out His hands to us. He shall bring us to pass.

The results are as follows:

- God protects and takes care of us in the midst of the difficulties in the world until the Antichrist reigns over the world and the ruin comes to the world.
- God's merciful hands finish all impossible problems and give beautiful and successful future.
- God's merciful hands shall bring forth your righteousness as the light.

Psalm 37:6

37:6. He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, And your justice as the noonday.

We are purified and changed until we become as bright as Jesus in Revelation 12:1. We are ready to be evacuated and lifted up on the glorious clouds.

The shock will surely happen until the days of the Antichrist. We must take heed to our ministry to God and our life as the priest and king. The worship of the law system and the life that is like a poor widow must be changed until we can surrender our whole life to God. We just stretch out our hands to God and He will stretch out His merciful hands to us, so the miracle will surely happen.

God blesses us.